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1. THIS QUESTION ON MY LIST OF SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED AT NEXT MEETING WITH CHIEF OF STAFF SHIHABI WHO HAS BEEN OUT OF TOUCH FOR PAST 10 DAYS. I INTEND SOUND HIM OUT ON SYRIAN PLAN OPEN DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE WASHINGTON, INCLUDING TIMING AND LEVEL OF STAFFING THEREOF. HAVE NO INTENTION PUTTING HIM IN POSITION TO REJECT IDEA OUR OPENING A DATT OFFICE DAMASCUS BUT NATURALLY MY OWN DECISION ON TIMING WOULD BE INFLUENCED WERE HE TO BE STRONGLY NEGATIVE ABOUT DATT PRESENCE HERE.

2. AS I TOLD ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON IN DAMASCUS I SERIOUSLY DOUBT MY NEEDS FOR INTERFACE (SIC) WILL REQUIRE MORE THAN ONE COMMISSIONED OFFICER. WILL REPORT SOONEST TENOR OF MY DISCUSSION WITH SHIHABI. MURPHY

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